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County's inadequate children's services are 'simply not good enough', says MP

LOCAL MP David Laws has criticised Somerset County Council's management of children's services after Ofsted inspectors found them to be inadequate and "unsafe".

Ofsted, the independent inspection watchdog, has rated all the council-run centres in south Somerset as inadequate. They found that the centres across the region were failing to reach enough families, especially target groups, and that many of the sessions being run are not safe.

This is the fourth "inadequate" rating given to a children's service run by Somerset County Council by Ofsted in the last fortnight and comes just weeks after Peter Lewis was sacked as interim director for children's services after failing to make improvements quickly enough.

Commenting, Mr Laws, Liberal Democrat MP for the Yeovil constituency, said: "The Conservatives running Somerset County Council need to shape up, and fast. Families in Somerset deserve an awful lot better than this.

"Children's services in our county are now in a terrible state and it is particularly worrying that Ofsted has labelled many of the children's centres as unsafe.

"We used to have a service which families could rely on and be proud of, but under the Conservatives the council has failed to maintain these standards and we now see a situation where all of the council-run children's centres in South Somerset have been rated as inadequate. It simply is not good enough."

■ **DAVID LAWS MP: Children's services standard 'simply not good enough'**

Extra funding for disadvantaged pupils

FUNDING of £16.98million for disadvantaged primary school pupils in Somerset to help boost their attainment and close the gap between them and their richer peers was announced this week by local MP David Laws.

Mr Laws, Liberal Democrat MP for the Yeovil constituency and Minister of State for Schools, reported that the money would come from the Lib Dems' pupil premium funding for 2015/16. It will give schools extra money to help teachers support those pupils from poorer families who are more at risk of failing at school and falling behind their peers at the very start of their lives.

The funding announcement made on Tuesday means that primary schools in Somerset will receive £1,320 for every pupil who has registered for free school meals at any time in the last six years. The schools are then given the power to choose how they spend that money most effectively.

Mr Laws commented: "Every single child deserves a fair start in life and the opportunity to fulfill their potential. That is why the pupil premium is so important; it helps teachers in Somerset and across the country support children from poorer families who, the figures show us, do not get that fair start in life and fall quickly behind their classmates.

"I have seen first-hand how pupil premium money is being used to wonderful effect in Somerset and I am very much looking forward to seeing how teachers in Somerset use this additional funding to help our children succeed.

"In government, the Liberal Democrats have protected the schools budget, introduced the pupil premium and expanded early years education for the very youngest children, I believe strongly that we have a record to be proud of and the pupil premium is a very important part of that."

Charity shop manager thanks all for support

JO Hampshire, manager of the British Red Cross charity shop in Crewkerne, would like to thank all friends who have showered her with cards, gifts and good wishes during her treatment for cancer.

Jo said she was "completely overwhelmed" by the kindness of her friends and customers, and would particularly like to thank her assistant manager Jo Hart and volunteers for keeping the shop running smoothly in her absence.

Jo hopes to return to work in the next few weeks.

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District council seizes property 'left to rot' near Crewkerne town centre

SOUTH Somerset District Council has seized a house in Crewkerne, which had been empty since 2006.

District council officials say they went down the legal route to obtain permission as the property had "been left to rot" and turned into an overgrown eyesore not far from the centre of Crewkerne.

As part of a strategy, owners of empty properties are contacted by the council to determine the reason why their property is empty and to see if it can be brought back into use with help of the authority. Loans and grants can be offered in certain circumstances.

A district council spokesperson said: "On Thursday, November 6th district council officials took over control of the property after repeated attempts to try and enter into a dialogue with the owner had failed.

"The owner ignored repeated requests by the council to discuss the situation.

"The owner had also failed to pay any council tax on the property for the last eight years.

"After such repeated attempts to contact the owner, the council applied to the court for permission to take over and sell the property to repay the council tax bill debt and to recover its costs.

"It is also hoped that by selling it, the property will be renovated and used to house a local family. The judge granted the court order and bailiffs entered the property."

The dilapidated property, pictured right, will now be auctioned and it is hoped that it can be brought back into use in the near future.

Councillor Shane Pledger, portfolio holder for empty properties, said: "South Somerset District Council prefers to negotiate with owners of properties to get them back into use. The case of this property in Crewkerne goes to show what can happen if owners leave property empty and refuse to do anything about them.

"We will do all we can to ensure that properties in South Somerset are not left empty. Let's not forget that a property brought back in to use is one less property we have to build in South Somerset.

"We have to ensure that we have enough housing for our residents and by bringing properties back into use, we can achieve that."

There are currently 223 properties in South Somerset that have been empty for over two years, 14 of those are in Crewkerne. There are also 292 properties that have been empty between six months and two years, with 27 of those in Crewkerne.

Company fined after 2010 forklift accident

A COMMERCIAL vehicle maintenance company in Chard has been fined for multiple safety failings after a director suffered severe injuries when a forklift truck he was driving overturned and died weeks later.

Robert Dawe, from Yeovil, was using the forklift to clean out a drainage gully at Chard Trucks Ltd's premises on October 13th 2010 when it overturned, trapping him between the ground and the overhead protection system.

Mr Dawe, who was 58 at the time, was taken to hospital with multiple rib fractures but later had a heart attack, suffered loss of oxygen to the brain and died nine weeks later on Christmas Day.

Taunton Crown Court heard earlier this month that an investigation by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) revealed the forklift did not have a seatbelt and had not been examined in accordance with the statutory requirement for it to undergo a yearly thorough examination.

Furthermore, neither Mr Dawe nor any other employees had been provided with training in its use.

The court was told HSE had previously visited Chard Trucks Ltd. at its Millfield Trading Estate premises on February 14th 2008 and advised the company to take action on a number of safety issues, including securing the key of the forklift truck on the basis that it was no longer being used and ensuring the competence of the individual responsible for health and safety, who was said to be Mr Dawe at the time.

The company was fined a total of £50,000 and ordered to pay £20,000 costs after pleading guilty to a breach of Section 2(1) of the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 and a separate breach of the Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations 1998.

Police appeal after two thefts from village Co-op

POLICE are appealing for the public's help in identifying a man who they believe may have information about two thefts from the Co-operative store in Merriott at around 6.30pm on Monday, October 20th.

A man has entered the store on Knapp on two occasions, selected several items and left without paying.

The man is described as white, between 28 and 29 years of age, about 5 feet 8 inches tall, medium build with blonde hair. He was seen to leave the incident in a Blue Volkswagen Bora car.

On both occasions, the man wore distinctive jackets – one was black with a red hood lining and the other was black with distinctive toggle buttons.

Anyone with information can report it online at bit.ly/1kfjr3V quoting reference 109246/14. Alternatively, call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111 or call the police on 101 quoting the above reference number.

Classic car enthusiasts raise £750

CLASSIC car enthusiasts from Ilminster have helped raise £750 for Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance.

The money was raised from Ile Valley Classic Vehicle Club and Classic Motoring Organisation's Wessex Classic Car in September.

At a ceremony at the air ambulance's base at Henstridge, members of the Ilminster-based Ile Valley Classic Vehicle Club and members of Classic Motoring Organisation's team, who ran the Wessex Classic Car Tour, presented a cheque to pilot Phil Merrit and paramedic Steve Freeman.

BACK AT BASE: Phil Merritt, Neil Roden, Kevin Tricker, Annie Roden, Terry Fisher, Gwen Fisher, Marilyn Tricker, Barrie Hawkins, Penny Hawkins, Martin Jones, Barbara Jones, Steve Freeman (paramedic) and Jonathan Graves-Morris

After the presentation, Classic Motoring Organisation's Neil Roden said: "I can't thank the classic car owners who took part in the Wessex Tour enough.

"They raised a fantastic sum in support of such a vital local charity – more than double the sum raised last year."

Ile Valley Classic Vehicle Club caters for all those with an interest in preserving and using old cars, bikes, and commercial vehicles.

Further details are available online at www.IVCVC.co.uk

Trekking for Duke of Edinburgh Awards

NO less than 46 Year 11 students from Holyrood Academy in Chard are closing in on their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Awards certificates.

They came a step closer when trekking from Winsham to Hawkchurch in October, battling through the wind before spending the night in tents.

An academy spokesperson said: "It was all smiles and sunshine on the Sunday morning when everyone made it to the finish line and could rest at last, reflecting on one group's impromptu rescue of a newly-born calf from a particularly deep bog!

"Holyrood staff, including Kim Hill, Karen Seib, Andy Symes, Pat Duffy, Alison Rawlins and Alison Hoyle are delighted with the students and agreed it was a fantastic achievement by all.

"The fun's not over yet as these students now need to complete a presentation on their expedition as well as completing the other aspects of the award, which include, physical activities, volunteering and learning a new skill."

Choir reaches Christmas carol competition final

HOLYROOD Academy Choir negotiated a tough heat to qualify for the grand final of the Grand Pier Christmas Carol Competition, hosted by the Grand Pier at Weston-super-Mare.

The successful Chard choir consisted of 54 students from Years 7 to 13. They clearly impressed the panel as there were 20 schools competing, with only two progressing to the final.

Andrew Gilham, on piano, and conductor Trevor Lloyd-Jones, had worked hard with the choir to prepare two Christmas carols to for the qualifying heat.

Grand Pier events manager Laura Bloomfield said: "There was a very high standard of choirs this year, but Holyrood Academy was really amazing."

The grand final is on Monday, December 1st. Apart from top spot, competitors will also try to win a place in a choir showcase at Wells.

Holyrood students visit Numatic

YEAR 12 students from Holyrood Academy accepted an invitation to nearby Numatic International in Chard. The students were given a guided tour of the factory, especially looking at industrial practices of injection moulding, rotational moulding and assembly. Numatic graphic designer Andy Neal (pictured above with students) took questions and discussed with students what they could include in their A-level projects. Mark Easterling of Holyrood Academy said: "These types of visit are such a huge benefit to students, who can see their learning in practice and get a true feel for what they might like to design themselves. My huge thanks go to Andy Neal and his colleagues for the opportunity."

■ ST Mary's Church in Tatworth recently held a flower festival on the theme of the First World War to mark its 100th anniversary. Pictured right are organisers Margaret Bandy, Thelma Poole, Tony Arnold and Daphne Carslake.

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Chard School remember pupils lost in war

CHARD School held a Remembrance Service during which parents, children and members of the Old Cerdics Association for former pupils remembered the sacrifice and contribution to the war effort made by the school during the First World War.

For a small school, the number of former pupils who became casualties of the war was enormous with 78 names recorded on the Roll of Honour, read by Old Cerdics vice-president and retired RAF Air Commodore, Nigel Griffiths, supported by Colonel Paul Richardson, Commandant Somerset ACF.

The establishment of the country's first and only specialist hospital for amputees in one of the school's buildings, Monmouth House, situated at Fore Street, was another aspect of the school's history featured in the service. Year 6 pupils gave talks on this and other aspects of the First World War that they had researched. They also sang wartime songs and read poems.

Chairman of the Old Cerdics Association, Graham Chamberlain, a pupil at the end of WWII, said: "It was a very proud moment for all Old Cerdics present to join the Chard School community in honouring so many former pupils that had made the ultimate sacrifice so that in later years other pupils could be free to attend the school."

A day at the seaside

JUNIOR children from Chard School recently spent a day by the sea, investigating the secrets of the nearby Jurassic Coast.

Starting at Charmouth, the children enjoyed a slide show and presentation at Charmouth Heritage Centre, by which time the stormy winds and seas had abated and the weather became ideal for a stroll down the beach in search of fossils.

All the children found belemnites and ammonites, and some also found crinoids, fool's gold, and even some washed up fish, including a whole cuttlefish, a living relative of the belemnite and ammonite.

The second half of the day was spent in Lyme Regis where the children enjoyed lunch next to some enormous ammonites on the beach.

The group were then hosted by Lyme Regis Museum, where they hunted for clues to questions in the museum and enjoyed an entertaining demonstration by resident geologist Chris Andrew in the Guildhall.

Collection box boosts Naval Association funds

☐ MEMBERS of the Royal Naval Association's (RNA) Chard branch have praised everyone who made a deposit in their collection box at Dolphin Hotel. Three members called into the hotel on the way home from the Armistice Day ceremony last week and were presented the Flag Week collection box, which had been sitting on the hotel bar. A branch spokesperson said: "As a result, the funds have been boosted by a further £24.39, thank you patrons of the Dolphin Hotel." Pictured above are Ros Saint, Ron and Anne Allin with the box. ***Photo by Dick Moon***

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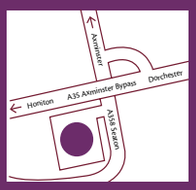

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Chard surgery offering HIV tests for national awareness campaign

TAWSTOCK Surgery in Chard is part of a Somerset County Council public health initiative offering free HIV tests on a walk-in basis.

The campaign is urging people to walk in at any participating surgery and have a test during National HIV Testing Week (November 22nd to 29th).

At Tawstock Surgery, the opportunity is from 1pm-5pm on Wednesday, November 26th.

A Somerset County Council spokesperson said: "Although Somerset has a relatively small number of people with the condition, Public Health are concerned with the number of adults who are being diagnosed at a late stage.

"Early detection and treatment - as with many conditions - gives a much better outcome."

Public Health England figures (Sexual and Reproductive Health Profiles for the period 2011-2013) show that in England 45 per cent of the patients presenting with the condition were at a late stage of infection, the point after which treatment should have begun. In Somerset it is 61.3 per cent and across the South West 46.7 per cent.

The tests are free, confidential and carried out by specialist HIV staff from Taunton's Musgrove Park Hospital genitourinary medicine clinic and Terence Higgins Trust. There is no need to book an appointment and results will be given in twenty minutes.

County councillor and chairman of Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board, Christine Lawrence, said: "This is a pilot project in Somerset intended to make it much easier for people who may be 'at risk' to have a test.

"Modern treatments are highly effective allowing people nowadays to live with HIV. It is so much better to get tested rather than keep putting it off."

Michelle Hawkes, a public health specialist at Somerset County Council, said: "I welcome this innovative approach to bringing HIV testing directly into the community during National HIV Testing Week.

"I hope this will encourage people who may have put themselves at risk of contracting HIV to take a test."

More information is available online at www.hivaware.org.uk or by calling 01823 344888.

Bringing health education to life

■ LAST week's visit to Chard School from the Life Education Caravan and "Harold" the Giraffe brought health and well-being learning to life. An exciting and fun lesson was delivered to each class from reception to Year 6, which the children thoroughly enjoyed.

Full house for Autumn Farming Update

IT was standing room only at Barleymows Farm Shop in Chard when more than 100 people attended an Autumn Farming Update hosted by Stokes Partners LLP of Crewkerne, Greenslade Taylor Hunt and Albert Goodman.

The four speakers – Helen Williams & David Stokes (Stokes Partners), Sam Kirkham (Albert Goodman) and William Handel (Greenslade Taylor Hunt) made short presentations on such diverse subjects as farming disputes, pre and post-nuptial agreements, CAP reform and the Basic Payment Scheme and the use of limited companies. A lively question and answer session followed, chaired by Charles Clark of Greenslade Taylor Hunt.

Due to the success of the event, there are likely to be more updates in the future. Those interested in attending future events or if you have a rural question of a practical, legal or accountancy nature which you would like the panel of experts to cover, email cparsons@stokespartners.co.uk

Trolley dash winning to boost funds for mayor's charities

THE Mayor of Chard, Councillor Jenny Kenton, says frozen turkeys won by her mum in a trolley dash competition will help a mayoral fundraiser.

The mayor's mother, Olive Welch, 87, has been completing puzzles in magazine *Take a Break* for more than 20 years and recently struck gold.

Mrs Welch said: "I always fancied winning a trolley dash, I thought it would be something I could really take advantage of. It is typical that I win it when I am too old to complete the task.

"I nominated my son in-law Andy to complete the dash for me because I knew he would research it and do me proud."

Councillor Kenton added: "Mum had to submit an estimate of how much Andy would get into the trolley in five minutes two weeks before the dash was scheduled to take place to win a cash prize. You will be pleased to hear that she managed to collect her £500 cheque.

"Andy collected several frozen turkeys, which will be used for one of my mayoral fundraising events, as well as mum donating £100 of the cash to the fund as a gift.

"She is also taking quite a lot of the chocolate to France, where my sister has been in hospital for two months, for the nurses. I think she is getting as much enjoyment from giving her winnings away as she did from winning."

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■ PRIZEWINNERS: Prize and trophy winners just after the presentation *Photo by MIKE SLADE*

Bowls players pick up end of year prizes

ALMOST 50 people attended Severalls Jubilee Bowls Club's annual lunch and prize presentation held at the Windwhistle Inn.

Chairman Mike Rawe presented trophies and awards to the winners and runners-up of all the club competitions.

Special guests at the event included Steve and Sally Meecham, proprietors of jewellers Ward & Sibley of Yeovil, the most generous sponsors of the trophies and awards.

Severalls Jubilee Bowls Club describes itself as "a small, well -equipped and successful lawn bowling club in Crewkerne".

Potential members can call 01460 77014 for more information.

Results were as follows:

Tuesday Umbrella - 1st Brian McCallum, 2nd Peter Loaring.

Non-Winners Two Wood Singles - 1st Ron Shelley, 2nd Peter Loaring.

First Round Loser Competition: 1st Mike Rawe, 2nd Bob Radford.

Champions Singles - 1st Alan Dow, 2nd Mike Rawe.

Fixed Jack - 1st Ken Leamon, 2nd Roy Hodder.

Ladies Four-Wood singles - 1st Linda Freema, 2nd Ann Larcombe.

Men's Four-Wood Singles - 1st Bob Radford, 2nd Brian McCallum.

Mixed Pairs - 1st Linda Freeman and Alan Dow, 2nd Nan Austin and Roy Devney.

Open Two-Wood Singles - 1st Alan Dow, 2nd Ken Leamon.

Two Wood-Drawn Pairs - 1st Ron Shelley and Alan Dow, 2nd Cliff Pocock and Roy Hodder.

Club Pairs Competition - 1st Roy Devney and Margaret Robins, 2nd Colin Phinn and Bob Radford.

Club Triples Competition - 1st Richard Agar, John Davis and Bob Radford; 2nd Brandon Turner Pat Patel and Dave Rees.

Club Triples League - 1st Jenny Brasier, Ann Brolley and Roy Hodder.

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Popular U3A group marks 10 years

CREWKERNE & District U3A's geology group presented leader Val Watson with a rock cake and bouquet of flowers to celebrate the group's tenth birthday during a bash in the Church Hall on Tuesday, November 11th.

In the 10 years since it started, with 16 members, the group has become the U3A's biggest study group with 60 members.

Members have made 47 field trips, two boat trips, ten building stone trails and seven quarry visits.

They have also studied the length of the Jurassic Coast from Exmouth in Devon all the way to Old Harry Rocks in Dorset, as well as the Mendip Hills and the North Somerset coast.

Val, who has been the leader of the group since it started, said: "People like it because it caters for a wide variety of interests and the speakers who we invite to our meetings are experts in their particular fields.

"We must be getting it right because our membership keeps on increasing."

Crewkerne & District University of the Third Age was formed 17 years ago and has almost 300 members with over 40 different interest groups. The group's Tea at Two meetings are held at The Henhayes Centre on the first Monday in the month at 2pm.

Anyone interested should call Dave Charnick on 01460 271776 or visit the website www.u3asites.org.uk/crewkerne

■ **DECADE: Sheila Wroe presents Val Watson with a bouquet and a plate of rock cakes to celebrate the 10th birthday of the U3A geology group**

Rotary to re-open Christmas shop

THE Rotary Club of Crewkerne have announced their its popular Rotary Shop will soon be opening in Falkland Square for the festive season, The shop will offer a marvellous range of quality items, together with the hyacinth bulbs. Further details are expected to be announced shortly.

Advertiser's Announcement

Free range Christmas Geese from Whitney Farm

DAN and Sarah Dunning won the tenancy of Whitney Farm in 2008. It's easy to see Dan is enthusiastic about the farm, "We really appreciate the chance to run a County Council tenant farm, at a time when Somerset is selling off its farms. Though we may not have long here, our passion is to produce fresh, free-range, really tasty produce, using traditional farming methods, and native breeds enables us to do this."

Food and farming go hand in hand, both are extremely important to Dan and Sarah. Their love of quality food and attention to detail certainly gives them an edge when it comes to the quality of their products and service. Sarah, full time mum and Farmers wife says, "We feel really strongly that people should be able to buy quality food, at an affordable price direct from the producer. Cutting out the middle man ensures you know exactly how the food you are eating has been produced, and at the same time makes it more affordable."

Dan is really enthusiastic about the tradition of eating Goose at Christmas, "Rearing Geese for Christmas is an important part of our history. Until the Turkey was introduced to this country, Goose was the traditional bird of choice. We are happy to be encouraging the recent re-growth in this tradition. Christmas dinner is the most special meal of the year, why would anyone want to spoil it with turkey?"

Whitney Farm is a small, mainly grassland farm situated just outside of Ilminster. It is home to a flock of Geese as well as a small herd of native breed cattle, all their animals are reared to the highest welfare standards and are allowed to graze naturally.

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Stories come to life at Greenfylde

KEY stage 1 children in Greenfylde First School in Ilminster are just starting a new unit of work in English focussing on traditional tales and story-telling.

To start the project the children dressed up as characters from traditional stories. One of the staff members, dressed as a giant, even made his children climb a beanstalk up the steps into class.

The children enjoyed a day of drama, story-telling and art to really think about the settings and characters in these tales.

Fire crew called to clear up diesel spill

FIREFIGHTERS were called to mop up after a diesel spillage in an Ilminster car park on Monday, November 17th.

The leak occurred in the Canal Way surgery car park at about 9.30am.

A spokesperson for the fire and rescue service said: "One appliance from Ilminster was mobilised to this incident.

"Upon arrival crews confirmed that a large area of spillage had occurred and crews evacuated the area. Crews made the area safe."

Wide variety of music at Concerts in the West's last event of season

CONCERT REVIEW
By Anthony Pither

CLARINETTIST Elaine Ruby and pianist Daniel King Smith gave an excellent performance at Ilminster Arts Centre on Friday, October 30th.

What made this recital so special? There were a number of reasons – a sense of occasion, being the final group in the 2014 series; the persuasive presence of the highly accomplished young clarinettist, Elaine Ruby; and the well-planned and contrasting selection of pieces designed to please all tastes, from the very popular *Vocalise* by Rachmaninov to the concise, exquisite but challenging *Four Pieces Op 5* by Alban Berg, and the dazzling *Fantasia* on themes from Verdi's *La Traviata* by Lovreglio, not to mention the opening with Brahms's *E flat Sonata*, one of several significant successes of his last years to include the clarinet.

From the outset the audience experienced the full effect of Elaine and Daniel's instinctive feel for phrasing and widely contrasting highs and lows. A wide spectrum of dynamics was also the hallmark of the duo's performance throughout and gradations in the use of piano were a speciality.

The playing throughout was no less accomplished than we have come to expect from musicians selected by Catherine Hodgson, Concerts in the West organiser.

Indeed, Elaine's playing had such a degree of involvement, musicality and joy that the audience was captivated from the start.

Daniel's experience was evident, his contribution always vital, often driving and strongly supportive.

There was also a degree of novelty in including a rarely-performed duo by the composer famed for his Jamaican Rumba, Arthur Benjamin.

Written in 1958, two years before the composer's death, his *Tombeau de Ravel* proved to be very much alive.

As Elaine said, the work has found a very special place in her heart, and there were a number of unexpected turns which the performers relished.

Concerts in the West is pleased to report that its 2015 season, which will be its tenth anniversary, returns at the end of the first week in February with a piano recital by Martin Cousin, with music by Beethoven, Brahms, Liadov and Rachmaninov.

Film club screening

Horton Film Club presents "Belle" on November 27th at Horton Village Hall.

Doors open at 7pm with non-members welcome from 7.15pm and the film starting at 7.30pm.

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Speaker entertains Rotary with talk on Yoï

JOHN Porter was the guest speaker at a recent weekly meeting of Rotarians in Ilminster.

Mr Porter spoke about the intense research he had carried out into the life of Edith Cornelia Crosse, known as Yoï, who had strong connections to the Fyne Court nature reserve and visitor centre in the Quantocks.

The story started with her birth in Hungary at the end of the 19th century and followed what turned out to be an eventful life lived across Europe, involving much intrigue and deceit, until her death in 1944.

Fellow Rotarian Linda Piggott-Vijeh said: "This was an extremely interesting talk.

"At times is was hard to keep up with all the excitement and devious behaviour that went on.

"How John had managed to complete his research I shall never know, his dedication is impressive."

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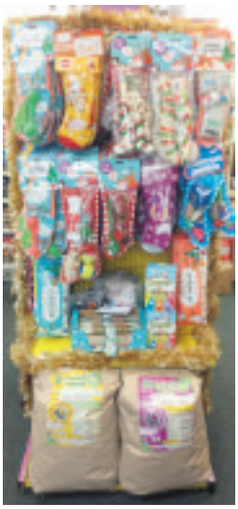

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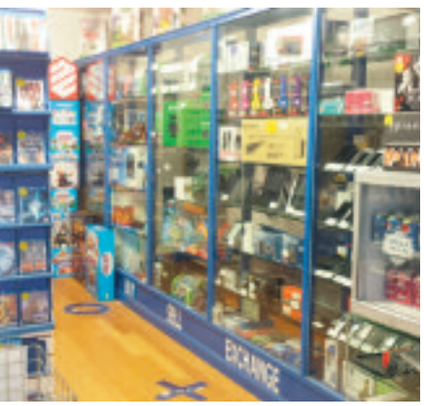

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French visitors at community shop

■ **COMMUNITY SPIRIT: The visitors and their hosts**

SEAVINGTON Community Shop & Café hosted a group from France involved with their own community-owned and run enterprises in Brittany.

The impromptu visit was an opportunity for the volunteers at the community shop and café to show off the store and to rustle up a lunch for 15.

The visitors were in Somerset as part of an ideas-exchange organised on this side of the channel by Taunton-based Somerset Co-operative Services as part of the FEED project, a European Regional Development Fund project exploring social investment into community-owned enterprises in France and the UK.

The group members are involved a range of social enterprises in Broceliande and Redon, Brittany, including a group of puppeteers (Grom), developers of a wind farm (Eolines en pays de Vilane) and a co-operative of organic farmers (Terre de Liens).

They were all very impressed with the shop and its range of local and seasonal products and took little persuading to stay for lunch in the café.

Alex Lawrie and Jon Cousins of Somerset Co-operative Services were taking their visitors on a tour of community shops in South Somerset; they hadn't visited Seavington for some time and said they were "really impressed" with the way the community shop and café was developing after only four years of trading and were pleased to be able to show community enterprises to their French visitors, which would inspire them when they returned home.

Mark Ellis, chairman of the shop and café committee, said: "We were delighted to welcome members of this Anglo-French group, and are always happy to share ideas and experiences with other community-based enterprises in Somerset or from further afield."

■ **DRUMMING UP SUPPORT: As the climax to their study of all things African, 50 children from Neroche Primary School's Year 1 and 2 classes hosted an African Drumming Spectacular for their parents. The children played a wide variety of traditional African folk tunes and performed their own compositions, based upon dance movements, to a packed audience of over 100 members of family. After the show, families were treated to the children showing off their African sculptures, art, geographical research and letters sent to an African child sponsored by the school's council. Headteacher Connel Boyle commented: "Our parent workshops and presentations by the children are becoming increasingly popular. The quality of the children's work took many parents by surprise."**

Art society look at Dickens novels

THE audience at the Neroche Decorative and Fine Art Society November lecture was privileged to be "Looking at Dickens" through the eyes of Michael Wheeler.

An authority on Victorian fiction, Michael, who lectures extensively at home and abroad, served up a vivid picture of an author whose talent, imagination and creativity captivated readers and whose novels and short stories continue to hold worldwide appeal.

A highly intelligent man, Dickens was hard working and driven throughout his life. Thanks largely to his father's spells in the debtors' prison, he was working in a factory by the age of 12. By 1827 he was a lawyer's clerk and having taught himself shorthand, graduated to taking notes in the House of Commons gallery and writing newspaper reports.

Worldwide public acclaim came overnight with the publication of the first instalment of "The Pickwick Papers" in 1836. Serialised over 19 months at one shilling (five pence) a copy, the novel brought fame and wealth and set Dickens on the road to a sparkling career as an author.

Michael Wheeler brought alive the well-known Dickensian stories and characters, highlighting the detail and quality of the writing and the social comment it contains. His lecture was accompanied by examples of the pen and ink drawings that featured in the novels, by a range of illustrators of whom Hablot Knight Browne - otherwise Phiz – is the best known. Interestingly, the lecture demonstrated how the differing styles of these artists influenced the atmosphere and writing in the novels.

Neroche DFAS is the oldest branch of the National Association of Decorative and Fine Art Societies in the South West and holds monthly talks at Dillington House by leading experts in their field, throughout the year. For details of future events visit www.nerochedfas.org.uk

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Getting into Christmas spirit at Mistletoe Fete

RESIDENTS of Lopen, near Crewkerne, got into the Christmas spirit early with a Mistletoe Fete. The event was held at St Mary's Church with money raised going towards South Petherton Scouts and church funds. Pictured left is Tim Burcli and Lewis Cole from the scouts, below is church treasurer Mike Constable and, right, husband and wife vicars Bob and Julia Hicks open the fete.

Photos by STEVE MONK

Special pottery sale in Lopen

A SELECTION of a renowned potter's work will be sold in Lopen, near Crewkerne.

Harry Horlock Stringer retired to Lopen in 2000, where he died at the age of 87 in March this year. A selection of his own pots, collected over a lifetime, will be offered for sale at the Schoolroom, next to the church, on Saturday, November 29th from 10.30am until 2pm.

Les Farris, who is promoting the sale, said: "Harry, known affectionately in Lopen as Harry Potter, was a pioneer in the making of craft pottery and for many years ran a famous course for students of ceramics at Barnes in southwest London.

"Harry also taught overseas and, later in his career, headed the Arts Department at Roehampton College, now the University of Roehampton.

"Harry's family have requested that his beautiful and individual pots be sold at very affordable prices in the village he made his home - with all proceeds going to the Stroke Association.

"Harry's pots will make very acceptable Christmas presents. Would-be purchasers are strongly advised to come early as some of the smaller items will be priced at only £1."

Grants up to £100k available for social enterprises under council's new funding scheme

SOCIAL enterprises in Somerset could benefit from a loan of between £10,000 and £100,000 thanks to a new fund launched this week.

Somerset County Council has established with the Somerset Community Foundation (SCF), a £1million Somerset Social Enterprise Fund. The fund will help prospective and established social enterprises in Somerset develop sustainable services for communities.

The fund will provide loans of between £10,000 and £100,000 to eligible organisations. To be eligible, organisations must be operating within Somerset and be able to demonstrate they are social enterprises.

Social enterprises can apply for loans for any number of reasons including purchasing equipment or vehicles, improving the property they operate from or to enable and support organisational growth and development.

Councillor John Osman, leader of Somerset County Council said: "Social enterprises in Somerset are key in helping us deliver on our priorities to promote Somerset as a thriving economy and as a place where people can access the good quality services they need.

"By reinvesting in the community, and often providing vital services to our residents, without aiming to take any profit for themselves, social enterprises help us, in the Council, in so many ways.

"The Somerset Social Enterprise Fund has been set up to recognise the importance of social enterprises and to give them the opportunity to continue to grow and develop more sustainable services for our residents."

Justin Sargent, chief executive of Somerset Community Foundation, added: "Somerset Community Foundation is delighted to be working in partnership with Somerset County Council to deliver this vitally important investment into our communities.

"Social enterprises have a vitally important role to play in tackling social needs and stimulating the local economy, and this new fund will help accelerate growth and development in the sector.

"It will complement our existing grants programmes but by 'recycling' this fund through carefully targeted loans its value to our communities will be greatly increased."

Social enterprises wishing to find out more should contact the Somerset Community Foundation by calling 01749 344949, email info@somersetcf.org.uk or visit www.somersetcf.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/Somerset-Social-Enterprise-Fund

Chamber of Commerce chief steps down after nine years

AFTER almost nine years as chief executive of the Somerset Chamber of Commerce, Rupert Cox is to leave the chamber at Christmas to take up a similar position at the Shepton Mallet-based Royal Bath & West of England Society.

Rupert leaves the Somerset Chamber in its strongest position in its 20 year history. It has 550 members, organises the two largest business events in Somerset – the Somerset Business Awards and the Somerset in Business Conference – and is one of only 52 Chambers in the UK that are accredited to the British Chambers of Commerce (BCC) network.

Furthermore, the Somerset Chamber is the key to unlocking the door to £16billion worth of supply chain opportunities associated with Hinkley Point C as EDF Energy's chosen partner to manage the Hinkley Supply Chain Team.

Mr Cox said: "I have thoroughly enjoyed my time with the Somerset Chamber, so I would like to thank everyone associated with it for their unstinting support of everything I have tried to do to get the chamber where it is today – at the hub of business influence in Somerset and the South West.

"The organisation and those within it have become a significant part of my life for nearly nine years, and while I will miss the talented team that I have assembled, it is now the right time to develop my career even further with another much larger Somerset iconic brand at the Royal Bath & West of England Society."

Chairman of the Somerset Chamber, Graham Knight, commented: "While we are saddened to see Rupert leave us, we can all be proud of what we have achieved under his leadership and look forward to the next stage in the Somerset Chamber's development with a new chief executive who we will appoint in the New Year.

"Under Rupert's leadership, the Somerset Chamber is the fastest growing chamber in the BCC network and we see this trend of growth continuing as we work towards our target of 700 members by the end of 2015, and 1,000 members by 2020.

"In thanking Rupert for his contribution to the chamber's success, we wish him well in his new career at the Royal Bath & West and look forward to working with him and his new colleagues in the future. As one of the Somerset Chamber's longest-standing members we know the society well, so will be keeping an eye on Rupert's progress over the coming years."

New pavilion opens in Merriott

A NEW pavilion has been opened at Merriott Recreation Ground, providing changing and shower facilities for the local football and cricket teams.

The facility also includes an area for general community use, sports equipment storage space plus public conveniences.

Merriott's old pavilion' was in existence for 30 years but was condemned following a health and safety inspection and subsequently demolished 10 years ago.

Since then, the village has had no changing facility or public convenience for the local community to use when visiting recreation ground, which has football, cricket pitches, tennis courts and an extensive children's play.

In May 2012, a community meeting called by the parish council unanimously agreed that a new pavilion was needed. With a long-term loan from the government local support through grants from South Somerset District Council, Yarlington Homes, Yeovil Health and Well Being, Merriott Parish Council was able start building work in the summer of 2013.

A parish council spokesperson said: "With the opening of the pavilion it is hoped that additional clubs will start up such as a tennis club, and that the local community such as the village school and families with young children will benefit from the amenities."

The parish council wishes to thank the whole community, present and past members of the parish council and the contractors for the completion of the building: Mike Rowswell Construction, Jaycee Plumbing, Ricketts Electrical, Minster Carpentry, P. Ford, T. Wallis, K. Self.

CHRISTMAS in Crewkerne

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Don't forget! The Annual Lighting Up in Crewkerne is on Friday, 28th November!

ALL the usual events and activities will once again be taking place on the night. The Craft Fair in the Victoria Hall will be open from 5.30pm and there will be Market and Charity stalls in Falkland Square and in the Market Square. There will be late night shopping with many offering 'goodies' to entice you in; don't forget to visit The George Shopping Centre and Church Street too. There will be a children's fairground ride in Falkland Square plus the opportunity to have a go on a 'spin bike' courtesy of the 1610 Centre at Wadham. The Library, which will open until 7pm, will be running a children's Treasure Hunt and the Museum will also open for the sale of Christmas goodies and an opportunity to view the 'Art in the Museum' and WW1 exhibitions.

Background music will be provided throughout the evening by Steve Carpenter in Market Square and Phoenix Brass will play in Falkland Square. Come along and join in the community carol singing with CUDOS just before the switch on.

If you need something to eat then drop into one of the town cafes or bars, have a hog roast at Barrett Brothers, enjoy roast chestnuts and bacon butties in Falkland Square provided by the Scouts or a cup of tea and a piece of cake courtesy of the Crewkerne Churches Together in the Victoria Hall.

At 6pm judging of the children's Christmas Hat Competition will take place in Market Square. Entry is free and open to children under the age of 8 in two age categories; just turn up on the night wearing your creation. The theme this year is an 'international Christmas' and we are encouraging everyone, whatever age, to wear a hat of their own design – no prizes just for fun!

The highlight of the evening will be at 7pm when Santa arrives on his sleigh, escorted by the Merriott Majorettes, to help the Mayor and Town Crier turn on the Christmas lights. Then Santa will be in his Grotto in the Town Hall from 7.15pm to hear your Christmas wishes.

This year, for the first time, Market Street will be closed to traffic from 6.45pm to 7.30pm so please be aware that you will not be able to drive through the town centre between these times. This is to ensure public safety during the arrival of Santa and whilst the lights are switched on. Diversion routes will be signed.

If you would like information on any of the evening's events please contact Annette Roffey on 01460 74001 or e-mail annette.roffey@crewkerne-tc.gov.uk.

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HOLIDAY CHEER & FESTIVE FUN

Bilbys Coffee Shop

CELEBRATING 13 years of service to the people of Crewkerne and its visitors, Bilbys in Market Street is a friendly place to dine for breakfast, lunch or afternoon tea. Its central location and easy access makes it's a great meeting place for friends wanting a chat over a cuppa and perhaps a slice of delicious homemade cake or shortbread of which there is a wide range to choose from.

Owned by husband and wife team Tris and Jane Pinkney and located in a listed building, formerly the Red Lion Hotel, Bilbys Crewkerne is run by Jane and retains many original features such as the fire place and decorative floor tiles , stained glass windows and ceramics in the porchway. There are also blow up photographs of historical views on the walls, daily newspapers and a noticeboard of local events, all adding to the atmosphere of your dining experience. There is also a Bilbys Ilminster, in Silver Street near the church which is celebrating ten years this year and is run by Tris.

The food at Bilbys is all made on the premises to a very high standard using the best ingredients, sourced locally. The cakes are made by Jane in Crewkerne and also sold in Ilminster, both eat in or takeaway. There are no GM products and special dietry requirements can be accommodated, there are some gluten free items on the menu already. With a menu of full breakfasts, including optional black pudding ,light bites such as toasted sandwiches and baguettes(the brie, cranberry and rocket special toastie was to die for), jacket potatoes with basic or more imaginative fillings such as garlic mushrooms or chick pea and coriander. Served with a side salad which includes delicious homemade coleslaw, they are a meal in themselves but there are also things like cauli cheese or smokies and casseroles as part of the main menu or on the daily special board. Cream teas with homemade scones or a slice of cake with cream or custard (the Battenburg was ,light moist, not overly sweet and totally delicious) or perhaps an icecream sundae for the sweet tooth, all washed down with a wide selection of teas, (ceramic teapots that pour not dribble) milk shakes or soft drinks.

Nothing on the menu is over £8 and they still work on a cash only basis to help keep the costs down. Bilbys has a five star hygiene rating.

Half portions of all the food can be served for children (no chips there) and the wheel-friendly access, high chairs and toys all make it a family friendly environment. There is a separate dining room which can seat up to 24 and is often hired out for seminars, meetings or private parties.

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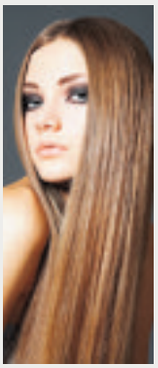

Humphries Kirk Solicitors

Solicitor with decade of family law experience bolsters Crewkerne firm

DORSET and Somerset solicitors firm Humphries Kirk has bolstered its family law team by welcoming a new solicitor with more than a decade of legal experience.

Emma Benyon-Tinker recently joined the Humphries Kirk office in Market Street, Crewkerne, to undertake all aspects of family law including divorce, mediation, and cohabitee disputes.

Since qualifying as a solicitor in 2001, Emma has developed her expertise by working with a Devon law firm and has become an 'Accredited Specialist Member of Resolution' focusing on child disputes, complex financial and property matters and domestic abuse.

Emma commented: "I am delighted to join the family law team at the Humphries Kirk Crewkerne office. People from all walks of life come to me with varying legal issues and I am dedicated to helping local people find the best solutions to their legal issues so that they can get back to their normal lifestyle as quickly as possible."

Justin Martin, partner at Humphries Kirk, said: "Emma is a welcome addition to our family law team and she has already brought enthusiasm and energy to the role."

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Emma Benyon-Tinker

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THORNCOMBE: Thorncombe Sports and Social Club Christmas Shopping Evening. With artists such as Zee Jones, beautiful silver jewellery from reeves & Reeves, handmade textile goods from Ameliarosepetals, Fancy That Cakes with cupcakes and fantastic celebration cakes, Usborne Books, Phoenix Cards, and even sock monkeys, there is something to suit every taste and budget. There will even be a man-creche, as the bar will be open too! All proceeds go to Thorncombe St Mary's Primary School, so you can shop in a good cause.

ILMINSTER: Christmas Lights Switch On, 7pm. Competition to win the chance to switch the lights on - tickets available at £1 per entry, available from Bonners, Ilminster Hardware, Harrimans and Cottage Flowers. Winner to be notified by November 17th

ILMINSTER: SCOFFs (Swanmead Community of Families and Friends) are holding a craft fair at Swanmead School Ilminster to raise money for the school. 10am-2pm. Bookings taken for sellers at £5 a table plus a raffle prize. For more details or to book a table call 01460 52431. Free admission for buyers.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 22ND

MISTERTON: Christmas Fayre at the W.I. Hall, 11am to 2.30pm. Variety of stalls incl. home bake, Christmas goods (hand made), cards, etc. Raffle, tombola. Light lunches - variety of home made soups, turkey/stuffing bap (or gammon), tea and cake, etc. Donations for the home bake appreciated. Father Christmas arrives at 11.30 with presents for all the children (subject to availability). For more details call 01460 74808.

ILMINSTER: Christmas Craft Fair at Swanmead Community School, organised by Swanmead Community of Families and Friends (SCOFF). 10am-2pm. Bookings taken for sellers at £5 a table plus a raffle prize. To reserve a table call 01460 52431 or office@swanmead.somerset.sch.uk. Free entry for buyers, tea, coffee and cakes will be available. Everyone is welcome.

MERRIOTT: Christmas Bingo at Merriott Social Club. Eyes down 7.30pm, lots of fab prizes to be won.

CREWKERNE: Peace Vigil at Victoria Hall, 11-12noon.

MONDAY NOVEMBER 24TH

MISTERTON: Christmas Bingo for Misterton based organisations at the Village Hall. Doors open 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm. Great prizes, raffle, tombola.

CREWKERNE: Bridge Club from 2pm to 3pm at Henhayes Centre. Please contact 01460 74340 if you are interested in joining

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 25TH

CREWKERNE: Bingo at George Reynolds Sports Centre. Doors 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm. In aid of Merriott Wild Cats Football Club.

CREWKERNE: Tuesday Welcome Group at Henhayes Centre. £1 per session. For people 70/80+ who like to meet other people and enjoy a few activities like painting, pottery, music, quizzes and occasional bingo. Transport can be arranged and a cooked meal can be purchased from £3.50. Take-away meals are available.

CREWKERNE: Computer group at Henhayes Centre- if you need some help to get started or a question answered please pop down to the Centre between 10am-12noon.

ILMINSTER: South Somerset Peace Group meeting. Sharen Green, the renowned campaigner on Palestine, will talk on "BDS (Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions) - the Nonviolent Way of Challenging Israel's Illegal Occupation" setting out how we can respond to the Palestinian Call for International Help. 7.30pm in the Minster Rooms, all welcome - £3 appreciated, including tea/coffee.

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 26TH

CREWKERNE: Bingo with cash prizes at Henhayes Centre. Eyes down 2.30pm

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 27TH

CREWKERNE: Over 50s Keep Fit at Henhayes Centre. Class begins at 10am and costs £2.50 for members and £3.50 for non-members.

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 28TH

TATWORTH: Film: 'Belle' (cert 12a) at Tatworth Memorial Hall. Doors open 7.15pm, film 8pm. Organised by T&F Movies. For more details call 01460 220198.

CREWKERNE: Winter Warmer lunch at Henhayes – Steak and Ale Pie with seasonal vegetables followed by Pineapple Upside-Down Cake - £7.50. Please phone 01460 74340 for further details and to reserve your place.

BARRINGTON: St Mary's Pre-school annual Christmas Market at the village hall, 6-8pm. Stalls selling jewellery, pottery, crafts, cards, pictures and photographs and stocking fillers galore! There will be raffle and festive refreshments and entertainment in the form of carols from the Ilminster Town Band and the children from St Peter's and St Mary's School in Barrington.

ILMINSTER: Somerset Wildlife Trust Ilminster/Chard group are holding their own special Celebration of SWT's 50th Anniversary and hope many members past, present and future will attend on commencing 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Admission is free but participants are encouraged to provide some nibbles for a bring and share supper. Soft drinks will be provided. Edward Wells will give an outline of SWT's 50 year History followed by input from two of the Trust's young employees as we look to the future. There will be other displays, raffle and competitions including one where it is essential that you know your membership number! SWT calendars will be on sale. Usual venue Parish Hall, North St, Ilminster TA19 0DG

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 29TH

ILMINSTER: The Monks Yard Christmas Craft Fair from 10am to 4pm. This popular annual event will provide the perfect opportunity to find some original and unique gifts in two rooms full of unusual arts and crafts items made by over 25 local people. Many of the usual stall-holders will be there together with some new faces, and you are assured of a warm welcome in a stress free, friendly atmosphere, free parking and free entry. Delicious refreshments will be available in MY eating place. Last year's event raised £450 for local animal rescue charities, and this year the proceeds will go to Taunton and Wellington Cats Protection.

CREWKERNE: Breakfast and 100 Club Draw at Henhayes Centre 10am to 12noon.

CREWKERNE: Banquet of Voices - Axminster and Yeovil Chamber Choirs in concert at the Methodist Church, South Street from 7.30pm. Tickets £10 to include refreshments, avaialble from TIC, Town Hall or on the door. For more details call 01935 873719

STOKE-SUB-HAMDON: Christmas Bazaar at the Memorial Hall, 2-4pm. Seasonal stalls, tom bola, refreshments, grand draw, Father Christmas and much more. In aid of the Triangle Trust. For more details call 01935 881718.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 30TH

CREWKERNE: Heavenly Music for Advent - concert by Axminster and Yeovil Chamber Choirs at the Crewkerne Methodist Church (TA18 8DB) at 7.30pm. Tickets £10 to include refreshments, available at the door. For more details visit www.yeovilchamberchoir.org

MONDAY DECEMBER 1ST

MISTERTON: Christmas Bingo for Misterton based organisations at the Village Hall. Doors open 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm. Great prizes, raffle, tombola.

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WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 3RD

CREWKERNE: Bingo at Henhayes Centre – Cash prizes – "eyes down" at 2.30pm.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 4TH

CREWKERNE: Over 50s Keep Fit at Henhayes Centre. Class begins at 10am and costs £2.50 for members and £3.50 for non-members.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 5TH & SATURDAY DEC 6TH

CREWKERNE: CUDOS Christmas Concert, at the Victoria Hall, 7.30 pm each night. Cost £6 to include glass of mulled wine/orange juice and mince pie. Tickets available from www.cudos.org.uk or 01460 74380.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 6TH

MISTERTON: Table Top Sale at Misterton WI Hall, 10.30am-2pm. Variety of stalls - cards, jewellery, bric-a-brac, Christmas and craft goods. Free entry. Light lunches/refreshments available. For more details call 01460 74808

SEAVINGTON ST MARY: Festive Designs to Decorate your Home at Christmas. A demonstration by Angie Blackwell of Cottage Flowers Ilminster. From10am - 12pm at The Millennium Hall, Seavington St Mary. Tickets @ £8.50 IN ADVANCE from Seavington Community Shop and N&D News S. Petherton. Or ring 01460 249522. Tea/coffee and cake included. Proceeds in aid of improvements to the shop and café.

MERRIOTT: "Christmasy" Monthly Market at Merriott social club 10am-1pm. Lots of lovely stalls including fresh produce. Call 07885 424588 for more details.

CHARD: Chard Camera Club Inter club competition night against Lyme Regis at the Uplyme Village Hall.

NEW LOOK SWAN LAKE WILL HAVE YOU ENTHRALLED!

FOR the perfect family night out in the run-up to Christmas, look no further than Ballet Theatre UK's stunning production of Swan Lake at Tacchi-Morris Arts Centre on December 9th and 10th.

Swan Lake remains one of the most enduring and moving classical ballets of all time, due to its fantastical plot filled with romance, sorcery, and betrayal. This immortal tale tells of a princess held captive as a swan by the spell of an evil magician, a spell that can only be broken if a prince swears true love to her.

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Fri, Mon-Thu: 12.00, 14.30, 17.15, 20.15
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This week's new cinema releases

THE HUNGER GAMES: MOCKINGJAY - PART 1 12A
WHEN Katniss destroys the games, she goes to District 13 after District 12 is destroyed. She meets President Coin who convinces her to be the symbol of rebellion, while trying to save Peeta from the Capitol.
Stars Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson and Liam Hemsworth.

WHEN THE GAME STANDS TALL PG
THE journey of legendary football coach Bob Ladouceur, who took the De La Salle High School Spartans from obscurity to a 151-game winning streak that shattered all records for any American sport.
Stars Jim Caviezel, Alexander Ludwig and Michael Chiklis.

NO GOOD DEED 12A
AN unstable escaped convict terrorizes a woman who is alone with her two children
Stars Taraji P Henson, Idris Elba and Leslie Bibb.

GET ON UP 12A
A CHRONICLE of James Brown's rise from extreme poverty to become one of the most influential musicians in history.
Stars Chadwick Boseman, Nelsan Ellis and Dan Aykroyd.

MY OLD LADY 12A
AN American inherits an apartment in Paris that comes with an unexpected resident.
Stars Kevin Kline, Kristin Scott Thomas and Maggie Smith.

WHAT WE DO IN THE SHADOWS 15
FOLLOW the lives of Viago (Taika Waititi), Deacon (Jonathan Brugh), and Vladislav (Jemaine Clement) - three flatmates who are just trying to get by and overcome life's obstacles-like being immortal vampires who must feast on human blood.
Stars Jemaine Clement, Taika Waititi and Jonathan Brugh.

THE HOMESMAN 15
THREE women who have been driven mad by pioneer life are to be transported across the country by covered wagon by the pious, independent-minded Mary Bee Cuddy, who in turn employs low-life drifter George Briggs to assist her.
Stars Tommy Lee Jones, Hilary Swank and Grace Gummer.

Jazz quintet is something to get excited about!

ALAN Barnes is the UK's top saxophone player, having won many British Jazz Awards. Friday, November 28th will mark his fourth visit to Ilminster Arts Centre, following three successful gigs at which he supported visiting American stars such as Scott Hamilton and Ken Peplowski with great success. On this occasion he will be playing top-class mainstream jazz with his own Quintet, featuring Bruce Adams and The Dave Newton Trio.

Having taken up the clarinet at the age of 12 and the alto saxophone at 15 Alan went on to study both instruments (plus flute) and arranging at Leeds College of Music. He is many times winner of the British Jazz Awards and has worked with many different musicians, including Humphrey Lyttelton, Don Weller, Stan Tracey and John Dankworth, the BBC Big Band and the Tina May Trio. He has also appeared on albums by Van Morrison, Bryan Ferry and Selina Jones as a session musician, and was the BBC Instrumentalist of the Year in 2001 and 2006.

Alan has long associations with pianist Dave Newton going back to their college days and with blistering be-bop trumpeter Bruce Adams, with whom he has co-led a quintet since the early nineties.

Members of the line-up have all played at Ilminster Arts Centre before, at gigs which were all successful, and often sell-outs, so the combination of such talented musicians on one night is surely something to get excited about.

The Alan Barnes Quintet perform at Ilminster Arts Centre at the Meeting House on Friday, November 28th at 8pm. Tickets are £18, available from the box office on 01460 54973 or online at www.themeetinghouse.org.uk

Alan Barnes

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Santa will be available after the show to meet your little ones and give them a present, so don't forget to bring your camera to capture the smiles!

Santa In Love by The People's Theatre Company comes to Tacchi Morris Arts Centre, Taunton on Saturday, December 6th at 2.30pm. Tickets are £9.50, £8.50 for under 16s, £30 for families of four. Suitable for young people aged 2+ and their families.

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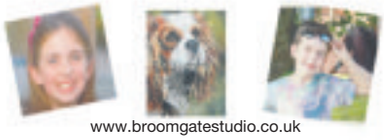

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VISIT SANTA!
Santa will be in his Grotto at Antiques Bazaar 11-4 on Saturday 6th, 13th and 20th December, to the delight of all the children - and a gift for every child! For more details and to sponsor a light at the Tree of Light event please contact
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Volkswagen Unveils New Golf R Estate

VOLKSWAGEN has today unveiled one of the sportiest all-rounders in the compact class: the Golf R Estate. This new car combines the high performance, driveability and comfort of the Golf R hatchback, which was launched in March this year, with the spacious boot of the Golf Estate; this is the first time that the Golf R has been developed in an estate bodystyle.

Like its hatchback sibling, the Golf R Estate is powered by a 2.0-litre four-cylinder turbocharged TSI petrol engine which develops 300 PS from 5,500 to 6,200 rpm. Maximum torque of 380 Nm is available from just 1,800 rpm right up to 5,500 rpm and is channelled via a standard six-speed dual-clutch gearbox (DSG) to the permanent 4MOTION all-wheel drive. Distribution of the power across all four wheels guarantees maximum traction, performance and active safety.

Ensuring dynamic performance are sport suspension (lowered by 20 mm), Volkswagen's innovative progressive steering system and 'ESC Sport' mode which can be deactivated for use on a race track if desired. Optional highlights include the newest generation of the DCC adaptive chassis control system with a driving profile selector that features a Race mode.

The Golf R Estate's engine combines with these features to ensure safe but swift performance: standstill to 50 mph takes just 3.8* seconds, and to 62 mph 5.1* seconds, while top speed is electronically limited to 155 mph. Yet on the New European Driving Cycle (NEDC), the Golf R Estate consumes just 7.0* l/100 km – or 40.4* mpg – equating to CO2 emissions of 163* g/km.

Despite its performance, the Golf R Estate does not compromise on space. With a luggage capacity of 605 litres (up to the back seat backrest), this Volkswagen offers an impressively large boot even with five people on board. With the seats flat and loaded up to the backs of the front sports seats, capacity grows to 1,620 litres.

The Golf R Estate's design follows that of the Golf hatchback up to the B-pillars. It is then distinguished and stands apart from the rest of the Estate range thanks to a new R design bumper, a high-gloss black diffuser, four chrome-plated tailpipe trims, so-called 'aero flaps' on the D-pillars, cherry-red taillights and LED number plate illumination. At the front, the Golf R Estate has an R specific bumper with particularly large air inlets, a distinctive radiator grille (with R logo) as well as bi-xenon headlights with integrated daytime running lights. The LED daytime running lights form a distinctive dual 'U' design beneath the dual headlights, projecting a particularly striking light pattern during the day and at night.

▲ Volkswagen Golf R Estate

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Toyota Ushers In The Future With The Mirai Fuel Cell Car

TOYOTA will launch its all-new Mirai hydrogen fuel cell vehicle in Japan on 15 December, before introducing it in the UK and other selected European markets in September 2015.

Mirai – the name means future in Japanese – signals the start of a new age of vehicles. It uses hydrogen, an important future energy source, to generate electric power, delivering better environmental performance while giving customers the convenience and driving pleasure they expect from any car.

Mirai uses the Toyota Fuel Cell System (TFCS), which brings together fuel cell and hybrid technologies. It includes Toyota's new, proprietary fuel cell stack and high-pressure hydrogen tanks. The TFCS is more energy efficient than internal combustion engines and emits no CO2 or pollutants when the vehicle is driven. A generous cruising range and a hydrogen refuelling time of around three minutes2 provide the same level of convenience as a petrol-powered car.

Mirai delivers everything expected of a next-generation car: an immediately recognisable design; an exhilarating drive that stems from the superior handling stability secured by the car's low centre of gravity; and quiet but powerful acceleration delivered by the electric motor.

Hydrogen has the benefit of being able to be generated from many different natural sources and man-made by products – even sewage sludge. It can also be created from water using natural, renewable energy sources such as solar and wind power. When compressed, it has a higher energy density than batteries and it is relatively easy to store and transport. These qualities give it the potential to be used in the future for power generation and a wide range of other applications. FCVs can generate their own electricity from hydrogen, which means they can be a key contributor to making a future hydrogen-based society a reality and accelerating energy diversification.

Toyota Fuel Cell Stack

The new Toyota FC stack has a maximum power output of 153bhp (114kW). The efficiency of its electricity generation has been improved by using 3D fine mesh flow channels3 – a world first – which ensure uniform generation on the cell surfaces. This has helped give the FC stack compact dimensions, a high level of performance and a world-leading4 power output density of 3.1kW/L, a figure 2.2 times greater than that achieved in Toyota's previous FCHV-adv model.

The amount of water on the fuel cell electrolyte membranes has a substantial influence on electricity generation efficiency. The amount of water is controlled using an internal circulation system to carry water produced in the electricity generation process. This makes the Toyota FC Stack a world-leading4 system that, unlike those used in all other previous Toyota fuel cell vehicles, doesn't require a humidifier.

FC boost converter

A new, compact, high-efficiency, high-capacity converter has been developed to boost the power generated in the Toyota FC Stack to 650 volts. Increasing the voltage has made it possible to reduce the size of the electric motor and the number of fuel cells, leading to a smaller FC system that gives higher performance with reduced costs.

High-pressure hydrogen tanks

The fuel tanks have a three-layer structure made of carbon fibre-reinforced plastic and other materials, and they store hydrogen at very high pressure – 70MPa, or approximately 700bar. Compared to the tanks used on the previous Toyota FCHV-adv, storage has been increased by around 20 per cent, while weight and size have been reduced to a world-leading45.7 weight-per cent5.

Interior

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rugby round up

Defensive frailties cost battling Chard

Bracknell 26 Chard 17

National League Three (south-west)

THIS was Chard's first ever match against Berkshire side Bracknell and, as expected, it proved to be be a tough test against a side who not long ago were playing their rugby at Championship League level *writes Glyn Hughes*.

Bracknell were a very strong outfit with some particularly big, strong running backs, but in the final analysis Chard were very unlucky not to get something out of the game - especially in view of a terrific barn-storming performance in the final quarter.

Chard opted rightly to play up the slope in the opening period but they soon found themselves in a bit of bother with some wayward defensive kicking which either failed to find touch or went straight down the throat of the opposition.

After just three minutes the hosts demonstrated the power in their back division by running in the opening try when Scrum half Barry Dwyer went over for an unconverted effort.

Chard's backs player/coach Mike Lawton then reduced the arrears with a penalty goal on the quarter-hour and Chard were certainly back in the game.

Their threequarters were however struggling to be an effective unit defensively due in part to being a relatively new combination. Five minute later they were exposed again when the hosts ran the ball from 60 metres out and full back Stuart MacKay scored under the posts.The try was converted and Chard trailed 12-3.

Bracknell then made a hash of several clear-cut scoring opportunities and would soon regret these when, just before half time, Ben Stead intercepted a pass to score under the posts. Lawton converted to reduce the arrears at the break to 12-10.

With the slope in their favour Chard used the rolling replacement to good effect and for the first real time in the match the home forwards were under real pressure.

But after starting to play really well the visitors totally lost the plot for a few minutes when their defensive play was exposed again and Bracknell took full advantage and ran in two converted tries during what was a sloppy period for Chard when a number of first up tackles were missed.

This period would ultimately decide the outcome of the game but it would not hide the fact that in the final 20 minutes Chard were well on top.

The forwards were tremendous with number eight Rob Burnell and replacement prop Bartlett making a real impact as did back row Jason Wright.

It was Burnell who drove over the Bracknell line for Chard's second try and Lawton added the extras.

The momentum was now with Chard and they appeared to have scored again when prop Nick Hyslop crossed the line but the referee spotted an infringement.

The home forwards were visibly tiring whereas the whole Chard team had a new lease of energy and there was obvious relief in the home camp when they managed to hang on for a deserved, if somewhat nail biting, win. elusive first win is just around the corner.

Chard: *Lawton, Stead, Douglas, Naulago, Harrison, Harvey, Selway, Hyslop, Robinson, Aplin, Mortensen, Parsons (Capt) Helliar, Wright, Burnell, Replacements; Henley, Waga, Barlett (all used).*

Tomorrow Chard at home game against Hornets. Supporters please note this game will kick-off at 2pm as will all 1st XV games until the clocks go forward in the spring. Pre-match lunch at 12.30pm is available, call Mark Weseman (07714149245) asap.

Chard 2nd XV played well but lost 39-7 against top of the table Hornets in Somerset Division One and the 3rd XV went down heavily against Martock.

Tomorrow the 2nd XV are away at Wellington and the 3rd XV are at home to Midsomer Norton.

Over at **Crewkerne** the first XV will look to build on last Saturday's impressive 54-0 win at Yatton 2nds when they entertain fellow mid-tablers Old Sulians.

The 2nd XV failed to raise a team for the trip to Frome 3rds and will hope for better when they entertain Martock in a local derby tomorrow.

Nat League 3 SW	Pld	+/-	Pts
Redingsensians	9	187	39
Brixham	9	89	39
Exmouth	9	157	37
Hornets	10	90	36
Newton Abbot	10	18	33
Bracknell	10	85	32
Old Centralians	9	-10	24
Oxford Harlequins	10	12	23
Weston-super-Mare	10	-69	16
Bournemouth	10	-85	16
Old Redcliffians	10	-98	15
Old Patesians	9	-36	15
Barnstaple	9	-120	11
CHARD	10	-220	2

Somerset One	Pld	+/-	Pts
Hornets II	10	266	48
Chew Valley II	10	349	46
Bridgwater & Albion II	10	215	40
Bristol Barbarians	10	135	34
Cheddar Valley	10	7	32
Old Sulians	10	125	31
CREWKERNE	10	142	30
Castle Cary	10	-6	29
Keynsham II	10	-57	19
Yatton II	10	-231	13
CHARD II	10	-173	10
Wellington II	10	-100	10
Midsomer Norton II	10	-514	7
North Petherton II	10	-158	2

Taunton Colts 10 Chard Colts 0

By Jacob Whitefield

AFTER losses to Wells and North Petherton and with a weekend called off due to poor weather, Chard Colts were looking to return to winnings ways last Saturday when they faced Taunton in the first round off the Somerset Cup.

The hosts took the lead when a penalty on halfway was kicked out of touch inside the Chard 22 giving the home side a line out in an advantageous spot.

From here the ball was eventually recycled and a Taunton centre crossed the line for a converted try.

In the second-half Chard's Man-of-the-match Jack Oaten was behind several swift breaks but these came to nothing.

Taunton appeared to score again only for the referee to chalk it off for a forward pass.

Despite good discipline throughout the match Chard did concede a penalty which was concerted near the end.

Team; *Ben Mainwaring, Liam Mustchin, Joel Nicholls, Jack Larcombe, Bradley Clapp, Henry Elliot, Warren Lewis, Ollie Harris, Ash Wilson-Briant, Connor Caddick, Ed Sullivan, George Whitlock, Ryan Wingate, Jack Oaten, Murray Squire, Rhys Carnell, Calum Syrett, Tom Hobbs, Alex Madge.*

Chard in league action tomorrow when they welcome Minehead.

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Division One	Pld	Pts
Lost Boys	7	67
Coachmen	7	65
Royal Oak Dimp	7	53
Head Hunters	7	51
Super Sexy Six	7	42
Football Club	7	41
Raptors	7	36
Mighty Ducks	7	35
King Willy Dogs	7	35
Stray Cats	7	35
Rollers	7	27
Perrott Monkeys	7	17

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Fryers	7	56
Loud n Proud	6	53
Chis Colts	7	47
Brewers Bees	5	42
Acorns	6	37
Fuddlers	6	34
Skimmers	7	31
Rug Rats	6	28
Concorde	5	21
Muppets	6	18
Merriott Fixers	7	17

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Sports 92	7	67
Oakley Doakleys	7	64
Hill Billies	7	61
Pinbusters	7	60
Beer Leg Boys	7	51
No Name Yet	7	41
Likely Lads	7	34
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Ugly Ducklings	7	28
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Division One	Pld	Pts
Flying Turkeys	2	22
Nomads	2	20
Bell A	2	18
Cricketers	2	11
Rockey's Rollers	1	10
Crown Royals	2	5
Wyndham Warriors	2	5
Wyndham Clangers	2	4
Crown Crusaders	1	1

Division One	Pld	Pts
Flying Turkeys AS	2	23
Ashill Boys	2	20
Bell Broadway	2	20
Hatch Beagles	2	12
Ashill Inn	1	9
Kingshead	2	4
Ilton Choppers	2	3
Royal Oak Faces	2	3
Hatch Eggs	1	2

Johnson close to fixing problems

IF last Saturday's performance is anything to go by them Gary Johnson is getting close to fixing Yeovil Town's problems ***writes Stuart Broom***.

I know fans have been lured into a false sense of security two or three times this season already, when the Glovers have shown signs of turning the corner and them fallen back the following week, but from what I saw against Fleetwood Town that is the best so far this term.

Promising trio

The three new loan signings - keeper Jed Steer, central defender Stephen Arthurworrey and full back Jordan Clarke have fitted in well and look in the same mode as Marek Stetch, Shane Duffy, Byron Webster and Luke Ayling.

Their experience at Championship clubs could be invaluable if Johnson can hang on to them, and with Ben Nugent in terrific form you have a defence resembling last seasons.

I'm not too sure about Liam Davis. Whilst he had a pretty good game on Saturday, his form has been patchy, and his desire to get forward regardless, at times leaves them vulnerable, but the unit as a whole is looking a lot more solid than in recent weeks.

Midfield is starting to develop as well and I was impressed by Ajay Leitch-Smith's work rate and backtracking, something I have not seen in previous games.

Of course the spotlight however is on the striker's position.

lack of goals

Twelve goals from 17 league games tells its own story of course as to why the Glovers hit the rock bottom of League One on Saturday, and unfortunately the biggest culprit was Jordy Hiwula, on loan from Manchester City. He will not need reminding of the three good chances he had to score.

It must be agony for the young man to relive those moments of doubt about his ability, and you could see the regret in his face the moment the chance had gone as to why he had not instinctively pulled the trigger first time.

The problem of course is that young players are loaned out by the big clubs to experience that opportunity which hopefully in time will benefit them.

The disadvantage to the smaller club is that they have to share that experience, good or bad, and it is hard to take if they don't learn quickly enough.

No one needs to tell Johnson the problem, and he will be working frantically to see if he can get someone in to solve it.

Yeovil should have won by four or five against Fleetwood, but bad finishing and some exceptional saves from Chris Maxwell denied them three points.

As for my referees' watch; well add another to the stream of incompetent ones seen at Huish Park this season. Mick Russell, I repeat Mick Russell - remember the name.

He failed to punish a number of obvious offences to the point that the players took their own revenge and were booked for it.

no holds barred!

At one stage late in the game I thought we were at a WWE show when, following a corner, Stephen Crainey literally dived - Big Daddy style- on top of Nugent, to stop him getting back to defend his goal and trying to provoke him into retaliating.

Russell just ignored the incident...enough said.

Come on you Glovers!

sailing chard

Ben steers for more success

◆ GOING WELL: Ben McElroy

BEN McElroy (13) of Holyrood Academy has been selected for a second season in the Royal Yachting Association South West Topper Zone squad after a very successful 2014.

Ben won the Topper 4.2 national series, finished eighth at the 2014 GBR 4.2 Summer Championships and came 10th in the 2014 World 4.2 Championships at Pwllheli - and is looking forward to competing at the 2015 World Championships at Lake Garda, Italy.

The RYA squads exist to create World Class athletes to compete for RYA Team GBR and offer young sailors an opportunity to develop skills through World Class coaching.

Ben is supported iby Virtual Rigger, the RYA, UK Sport & Sport England and 1610 in Chard.

jack high bowls news

Denny Cup delight for in form Ilminster

ILMINSTER *by Des Maull*

LAST Thursday Ilminster men played BRIDPORT in the second round of Denny Cup.

On the day Ilminster were too strong winning by 58 shots (110 to 52).

Details: Home, Tony Peterson, Martin Cornelius, Bev Brister and Jason Miles 24, B Rumble 9; Nigel Hopkins, Colin Spurway, Roland Garland and Peter Mattravers 33, C Tharme 14; Away, Andy Williams, Lawrence Symes, Kevin Hamilton and Steve Turner 32, I Parker 16; Eric Keitch, Roger Lench, Will Anderson and Mark Denslow 21, B Taylor 13. Ilminster will play Dorchester in the next round on the November 29th.

On Sunday an Ilminster mixed double rink visited TAUNTON in the Somerset & Devon League with Ilminster losing on both rinks and by a total of 22 shots (25 to 47).

Details: Sarah Lightfoot, Norma Pugh, Dave Pugh and June Checketts 14, P Shaw 17; Isobel Rymell, Anthea Hall, Chris Rymell and Dave Hall 11, T Hembrow 30.

CHARD *by Sandra Sumpter*

THERE were two matches for Chard B in the EAST DEVON SHORT MAT LEAGUE this week.

The first was away against COMBE ST NICHOLAS and things seem to be finally changing for the Chard B team who clinched their first point.

They drew the match four games each with 58 shots to 56 in Chard's favour.

This was a really hard fought match with all players winning one and losing one.

At eight ends two of the games were tied which meant an extra end had to be played in each to decide the outcome.

The second game for Chard B was at home against SEATON CLIFF A and this was an even better result with Chard winning by seven games to one with a shot difference of 95 to 27.

There was only one game this week in the MILFORD & DORMOR MIXED TRIPLES LEAGUE as the Royals had to postpone due to illness.

The Greyhounds trailed from the start against Harlequins and were 4-10 down after 10 ends. But they then went into overdrive winning the next three ends.

Going into the last end Greyhound held a slender one point lead but Harlequins raised their game to take the last end by four shots to win 14 shots to 11.

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Win double

U14 Rugby
Holyrood 95
Bridgewater Acad 0

Try scorers were; Ben Fenton, Max Mainwaring, Niall Crouch, Harry Seymore and Henry Taswell.

Ben Fenton, with eight tries was selected as Man of the Match.

The Holyrood team is now in the District Cup Final against Huish and the County Cup semi-final against Norsgrove.

U13 Boys Hockey
Holyrood 3 Chilton 0

MAN-of-the-Match Josh Lee (2) and Ryan Ruddick scored the goals to clinch the win for Holyrood in a game that was played in appalling conditions.

LOCAL FOOTBALL ROUND UP

with Howard Larcombe
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Local derby ahead in Junior Cup

Robins gloveman Hutchings breaks wrist - Misterton leak 20 more

Barnstaple Town 3 Chard Town 2
Les Phillips cup (aet) - att: 144

TWO goals from livewire striker Ed Butcher saw Chard Town push high-flying Barnstaple to the wire for the third time this season.

Ultimately 'The Barum' showed their class to battle back from 2-0 down at half-time to win Saturday's Les Phillips League Cup-tie 3-2 after extra time.

The exacerbate the disappointment Chard are likely to be without goalkeeper Jason Hutchings for some time. Hutchings fractured a wrist when he was bundled over for the hosts' first goal.

Welton Rovers 4 Chard Town 1
Toolstation Division One - att: 54

CHARD Town paid the penalty for a sluggish start as they found themselves 3-0 down to a Ryan Allen hat-trick inside the opening 10 minutes at Welton Rovers on Tuesday evening.

Allen was left unmarked as his slid in the opener in the fifth minute and nodded home the second soon after.

The Rovers front man then slotted home a low drive to leave the Robins on the ropes.

It stayed that way until half-time after which Scott Holland pulled one back with his first goal in a Chard shirt.

The visitors then received another set-back as Louis Gillman received a second yellow card and was dismissed.

Welton capitalised almost immediatly when Mike Jones headed home to make it 4-1.

But the Chard showed showing battling qualities as Andy Martin reacted well to head from close range after a shot had rebounded off the crossbar.

And Martin made it a nervy last few seconds when he converted an injury time penalty for his sixth goal of the campaign but the hosts held on.

Chard Manager Adam Fricker told ***Weekender Sport***: "We started very slowly and were just not at the races.

"We got our act together in the second half but the damage was already done".

Next up for Chard is Saturday's visit by joint leaders ASHTON & BACKWELL UNITED (3pm ko).

The two teams played out a 2-2 draw in the reverse fixture at the Lancer Scott Stadium back in August.

Fricker, who is without Jason Hutchings (fractured wrist), Leigh Bailey (unavailable) and Jamie Underwood (hamstring) has named the following squad; *Nathan Whatley, Craig Mawford, Ben Haines, Jamie Barfoot, Mark Scott, George Chlopecki, Andy Martin, Oscar Latas, Louis Gillman, Nathan Warren, Sam Clark, Ed Butcher, Ben Mears, Braedon Symes*.

◆ **FRACTURE:** Jason Hutchings

◆ CHARD Town's postponed **Somerset Premier Cup** second-round (last 16) tie at Odd Down has been re-arranged for next Tuesday (November 25th) 7.30ko.

DEVON & EXETER LEAGUE

A NINTH consecutive defeat, and clubs around them collecting points, has left ILMINSTER TOWN RESERVES two points adrift at the foot of the Division Five table.

Ken Timson's side will have their work cut out tomorrow when they welcome promotion-chasing Uplowman Athletic (2.15ko).

Up in the Premier CHARD TOWN RESERVES, still laying fifth in the table, had no game and are without a fixture again tomorrow.

SOMERSET LEAGUE

ILMINSTER Town's troubles away from their Recreation Ground home continued on Saturday as they went down 1-0 at Cutters Friday in a Premier/Division One League Cup-tie.

The Blues, who are without a game tomorrow, have now lost seven in a row on the road.

Meanwhile, COMBE ST NICHOLAS' mini-slump continued when they went down 1-0 against Frome Town Sports in last weekend's Division Two League Cup-tie.

The Saints return to Division Two (west) league action tomorrow with the visit of struggling Burnham United Reserves (2.30ko).

PERRY STREET LEAGUE
County Cups

CREWKERNE Town and West & Middle Chinnock set-up a **Junior cup** quarter-final at Henhayes with third round away victories last weekend.

Crewkerne extended their winning run to nine matches with a 7-1 thrashing of Saltford Reserves.

The hosts held out for 20 minutes but goals from Jamie Spurdle (2), Adam Dawe (2) and Liam Riste put the Tigers away and clear at 5-0 at half-time.

Marcus Partrige, his first goal in first team colours and an OG completed the rout after the turnaround.

Meanwhile, the Chinnocks are breaking new ground as they booked a placed in the last eight for the first time in their history with a 5-0 win on a poor surface at Banwell Reserves.

Matt Alford's side led through goals from Liam Bennett and Mark Cawley at the turnaround.

And further strikes from Cawley (2) and Liam Samways in the opening quarter-hour of the second period meant the last third was a formality.

◆ **Revised QF draw** (January 10th);
AFC Brislington v Freshford Utd or Somerton,
CREWKERNE TOWN v WEST & MIDDLE CHINNOCK,
Mells & Vobster v Milborne Port,
Pen Mill v Hydez.

In the **Intermediate Cup** Barrington's reward for a 2-1 victory at Alcombe Rovers is a last 16 tie against Pensford Reserves at Shelway Lane.

Andy Whitefield's 14th goal of the season earned Barrington a slender half-time lead on Saturday. This was doubled by Ian Masters who latched onto a superb through ball from MoM Mike Towill before the hosts capitalised on a goalkeeping error for a late consolation.

◆ **Revised last 16 draw** (Jan 17th);
Ashcott Res v Westonzoyland,
Cutters Friday A v Mells & Vobster Rs,
KV v Worle Res,
Westend v Radstock Town A,
Clevedon Utd B v Purnell Sports Res,
High Littleton v Locking Park,
Castle Cary Res v Minehead Res,
BARRINGTON v Pensford Res.

◆ **Barrington Football and Cricket Club's are holding a joint Race Night at *The Barrington Boar* tomorrow evening. First race is 7.30pm - everybody is welcome.**

PREMIER

Misterton 0 Combe Reserves 20

THINGS continue to look grim for Misterton who, having requested a free week after the recent 25-0 mauling at Beaminster, were hoping for a much-needed change in fortunes back at their Unity Lane home.

But it didn't happen as they were thrashed again – this time by Combe Reserves.

Wayne Behan and Steve Every both scored six apiece for the Saints while Jordan Allen and Stuart Bicknell waded in with hat-tricks.

Steve Every also found the target as did goalkeeper Chris Scott who

◆ **HALF DOZEN:** Steve Every

scored direct from a free-kick on the halfway line!

Missy, who trailed 11-0 at half-time, have now conceded 86 goals in just eight league matches.

Shepton Beauchamp 1
South Petherton 0

THERE was a proper football match up at Brimgrove Lane where a 20th minute Kris Hastings header from a Sam Hodkinson free-kick was enough to send Shepton Beauchamp back to the top of the table.

The result brings an end to Petherton's six-game unbeaten run and extends Shepton's winning sequence at their HQ to an impressive 12 matches.

Home manager Aggie Smith picked out Dan Peach, Aaron Sweet and Hodkinson as his top performers.

Perry Street 3 Beaminster 1

BEAMINSTER boss Dean Newman was left to rue an early 'goal' that was ruled out for offside.

"If it had stood the match could well have turned out differently," said Newman.

Street took the lead just before half-time but the Rainbows came out fighting after the turnaround and equalised courtesy of a scorcher from Gary Correy.

But the visitors were then punished for a lapse in concentration when defending a long down field ball and conceded again when they went in search of a second equaliser.

Dan Edmunds, Scott Jennings and Dan Collins scored for the hosts.

Round up

FORTON Rangers recorded their biggest win in **Division One** for a year as they hammered Luso-Chard 6-1.

An Andy Stephenson goal was all that separated the teams at half-time. But Rangers took control after the turnaround - Stephenson again and two from Lee Richardson made it 4-0 before Bruno Ferriera pulled one back.

But further strikes from Ethan Jefferson and Justin James completed the hosts' half-dozen.

In **Division Two** Thorncombe moved up to second place with a 3-1 win over Combe A at Horseshoe Lane.

Warren Gabbidon came back to haunt his old side with two of the goals with the other coming from Lee Fisher with Neil Reed on target for the Saints.

Meanwhile Crewkerne Rangers, with Ash Dodge in fine form, were held to a 0-0 draw by improving Beaminster Reserves at the Memorial Ground.

There was a shock in **Division Three** as second placed Kingsbury were forced to share the points with bottom-of-the-table Chard Rangers after a 2-2 draw at Jocelyn Park.

Rangers trailed twice but fought back for their point with goals from Tom Warren, who rounded off a superb move for his eighth of the season, and Max Patch. Jake Russell and Dan Neate scored for the visitors.

Dowlish & Donyatt dropped a place to fifth after they were beaten 3-0 at Hawkchurch United.

Over at Lightgate Lane Jimmy Rees found the net for the seventh game in a row but it wasn't enough to save South Petherton from a 4-1 defeat by Millwey Rise Reserves.

Comfortable wins saw Combe B and Merriott Rovers stretch further clear at the top of the **Division Four** table.

Gethyn Jenkins, a new signing from Barrington, marked his move to Combe with five goals in the Saints' 10-2 hammering of Farway United Reserves.

Graham Cleal hit a hat-trick and there were also singles from Chris Denning and Ollie Hine.

Merriott Rovers are just a point behind with a game in-hand after Ash Cooper (2), Kevin Richarson, Karl Tweedie and Sam Rowswell scored the goals in a 5-0 win at Hinton.

Finally, Winsham United Reserves and Chard United Allstars showed commendable initiative to rearrange a league game themselves after both had their scheduled matches postponed.

A double from Winsham player-boss Richard White clinched a win in a tight encounter with Brad Davies replying for the Stars.

PSDL TOP SCORERS
Premier Division

Dan Smith (Shepton Beauchamp) 21,
Josh Hunter (Beaminster) 15,
Wayne Behan (Combe Res) 13,
Dan Peach (Shepton Beauchamp) 12,
Mark Cawley (West & Middle Chinnock) 11,
Jordan Allen (Combe Res), Steve Every (Combe Res) and Adam Dawe (Crewkerne Town) all 9.

Division One

◆ **GOOD START:** Gethyn Jenkins scored five for new club Combe.

Andy Whitefield (Barrington) 14,
Stuart Packer (Chard Utd) and Tom Stead (Winsham Utd) both 13,
Andy Stephenson (Forton Rangers) and Sam Dibling (Millwey Rise) both 12 Guy Dare (Barrington) 10,
Shaun Stewart (Lyme Regis Bantams) 9.

Division Two

Bryan Garrett (Thorncombe) 13,
Paul Gold (Crewkerne Town) and Terry Farrell (Drimpton) both 11.
Dan Rumsby (Charmouth), Jake Bearpark (Uplyme) and Simon Denslow (Crewkerne Rangers) all 8.

Division Three

Jimmy Rees (South Petherton Res) 12,
Liam Male (Chard Utd Res), Nathan Doey (Dowlish & Donyatt) and Andy Dymond (Hawkchurch Utd) all 10.

Division Four

Ash Cooper (Merriott Rovers) 15,
Graham Cleal (Combe B) 12,
Niall Waterhouse (Uplyme Res) 11,

RESULTS – November 15th

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SOMERSET JUNIOR CUP
Banwell Res 0 West & MiddleChinnock 5
Saltford Res 1 Crewkerne Town 7
SOMERSET INTERMEDIATE
Alcombe Rovers 1 Barrington 2
PREMIER
Lyme Regis Res 8 Ilminster Town Colts 0
Misterton 0 Combe St Nicholas Res 20
Perry Street 3 Beaminster 1
Shepton Beauchamp 1 South Petherton 0
DIVISION ONE
Forton Rangers 6 Luso-Chard 1
Millwey Rise 2 Pymore 1
DIVISION TWO
Beaminster Res 0 Crewkerne Rangers 0
Thorncombe 3 Combe A 1
Waytown Hounds 4 Charmouth 0
DIVISION THREE
Chard Rangers 2 Kingsbury Episcopi 2
Hawkchurch Utd 3 Dowlish & Donyatt 0
South Petherton Res 1 Millwey Rise Res 4
DIVISION FOUR
Combe St Nicholas B 10 Farway Utd Res 2
Hinton St George 0 Merriott Rovers 5
Winsham Utd Res 2 Chard Utd AS 1

FIXTURES

Saturday, November 22nd
DAISY HUTCHINGS CUP (all 2pm ko)
Beaminster Res v Hawkchurch Utd
Charmouth v Crewkerne Rangers
Combe St Nicholas A v Crewkerne Town Res
Drimpton v Shepton Beauchamp Res
Thorncombe v Hinton St George
Uplyme v Merriott Rovers
Waytown Hounds v Winsham Utd Res
PREMIER (all 2.30ko)
Crewkerne Town v Misterton
Ilminster Town Colts v Beaminster
Shepton Beauchamp v Perry Street
South Petherton v Lyme Regis
DIVISION ONE (all 2.30ko)
Luso-Chard v Netherbury
Lyme Regis Bantams v Barrington
Winsham Utd v Chard Utd
DIVISION THREE (all 2.30ko)
Chard Utd Res v Chard Rangers
Kingsbury Episcopi v South Petherton Res
Merriott Dynamos v Thorncombe Res
Millwey Rise Res v Dowlish & Donyatt
DIVISION FOUR (all 2.30ko)
Crewkerne Rangers Res v Chard Rangers Res

As they stand

Toolstation Div 1	Pld	+/-	Pts
Barnstaple Town	17	56	42
Wincanton Town	20	19	42
Ashton & Backwell	20	15	42
Cribbs	19	12	39
Welton Rovers	18	10	39
Almondsbury UWE	18	1	32
Corsham Town	17	14	31
CHARD TOWN	***20***	***-3***	***28***
Hengrove Athletic	19	-1	27
Oldland Abbotonians	18	-8	27
Cheddar	18	-4	24
Wells City	21	0	23
Devizes Town	20	0	22
Calne Town	20	-10	22
Keynsham Town	21	-23	22
Radstock Town	18	-3	21
Chippenham Park	16	5	20
Warminster Town	17	-5	18
Wellington	16	-8	15
Roman Glass St G	17	-17	15
Westbury United	21	-26	15
Portishead Town	19	-27	8

Somerset Premier	Pld	+/-	Pts
Shirehampton	15	23	40
Bishops Lydeard	15	3	29
Frome Collegians	15	9	25
Clutton	14	7	25
Nailsea Utd	14	12	24
Watchet Town	14	11	24
Cutters Friday	12	3	22
Minehead	14	1	20
Wrington Redhill	13	-2	19
Yatton Athletic	14	-11	19
Bridgwater Town Res	14	0	18
Fry Club	12	-1	17
Berrow	15	-7	16
ILMINSTER TOWN	***14***	***-15***	***15***
Broad Plain House	15	-7	10
Stockwood Green	13	-10	10
Odd Down Res	12	-7	9
Nailsea Town	13	-9	8

Somerset Div 2W	Pld	+/-	Pts
Winscombe	8	33	21
Kewstoke Lions	9	18	21
Worle	10	18	20
Uphill Castle	8	9	19
COMBE St NICHOLAS	***7***	***12***	***15***
Clevedon Utd Res	10	0	12
Cheddar Res	9	-5	12
Highbridge Town	9	10	10
Taunton Utd 1610	8	0	10
Nailsea Utd Res	7	-3	10
Nailsea Town Res	9	-3	9
Churchill Club 70	8	-13	7
Burnham Utd Res	9	-37	3
Weston St Johns Res	8	-42	1

D & E Premier	Pld	+/-	Pts
Tiverton Town Res	10	35	27
Heavitree Utd	10	17	22
Feniton	7	19	16
Elmore	8	5	16
CHARD TOWN RES	***10***	***7***	***15***
Hatherleigh Town	7	9	13
Beer Albion	8	-4	13
Topsham Town	7	21	12
Sidbury Utd	7	5	12
Newtown	11	-9	12
Thorverton	6	12	10
Exeter University Res	8	0	10
Bow AAC	8	-5	8
Seaton Town	9	-11	6
Willand Rovers Res	11	-16	5
Budleigh Salterton Res	13	-85	1

D & E Division 5	Pld	+/-	Pts
Sampford Peverell	9	17	19
Uplowman Athletic	8	12	19
Sandford	8	11	19
Feniton Res	9	12	18
Fluxton	6	11	13
Otterton	10	-1	13
Honiton Town Res	7	7	10
Priory	5	3	10
Winkleigh	6	4	9
Halwill Res	7	-5	9
Hatherleigh Town Res	9	-17	9
Starcross Generals	7	-4	7
Stoke Hill	10	-23	5
ILMINSTER TOWN RES	***11***	***-27***	***3***

PSDL Premier	Pld	+/-	Pts
West & Middle Chinnock	7	25	18
Shepton Beauchamp	7	24	18
Perry Street	8	18	16
South Petherton	7	19	13
Crewkerne Town	4	14	12
Beaminster	7	18	9
Combe St Nicholas Res	7	0	6
Lyme Regis Res	7	-10	6
Misterton	7	-56	3
Ilminster Town Colts	7	-52	0

Division One	Pld	+/-	Pts
Barrington	6	25	18
Winsham Utd	9	10	18
Millwey Rise	7	14	16
Forton Rangers	9	4	14
Chard Utd	9	5	13
Netherbury	7	0	11
Lyme Regis Bantams	8	-2	11
Luso-Chard	8	-10	9
Pymore	8	-16	3
Farway Utd	7	-30	0

Division Two	Pld	+/-	Pts
Drimpton	9	32	25
Crewkerne Town Res	7	12	16
Thorncombe	8	8	15
Waytown Hounds	9	3	13
Crewkerne Rangers	8	-4	13
Charmouth	10	-4	10
Uplyme	6	2	7
Beaminster Res	9	-2	7
Combe St Nicholas A	7	-8	6
Ilminster Town A	7	-39	-2*

Division Three	Pld	+/-	Pts
Barrington Res	8	13	18
Kingsbury Episcopi	8	13	17
Chard Utd Res	7	5	15
Dowlish & Donyatt	7	6	12
South Petherton Res	8	5	11
Thorncombe Res	8	-3	10
Hawkchurch Utd	6	7	9
Shepton Beau Res	7	-11	7
Merriott Dynamos	7	-6	6
Millwey Rise Res	7	-17	3
Chard Rangers	5	-12	2

Division Four	Pld	+/-	Pts
Combe St Nicholas B	7	22	19
Merriott Rovers	6	33	18
Uplyme Res	8	7	15
Crewkerne Rangers Res	8	0	12
Winsham Utd Res	9	-3	12
Hinton St George	6	4	10
Farway Utd Res	5	-2	6
Chard Rangers Res	7	-10	6
Drimpton Res	9	-12	6
Chard Utd All Stars	9	-39	4

*= points deducted

swimming chard & district club

Swimmers dazzle at Sparker Meet

CHARD & District Swimming Club were well represented at the **Tiverton Sparkler Meet** recently *writes Heather Pullinger*.

Swimmers aged 9-16 took part gaining 36 of the 83 medal positions, including seven first places, 19 second and 10 third places, along with an amazing 28 County qualifying times.

Gold medals went to: Lewis Pearson 15, 200m Individual Medley and 100m Freestyle, Henry Taswell 13, 200m butterfly and 200m Freestyle, Joss Copeman 12, 100m Freestyle, Briana Barrand 10, 50m breaststroke, Millie Downes 10, 200m breaststroke.

Silver went to: Lewis Pearson 15, 50m Freestyle, Iain Ross 15, 100m breaststroke, Paul Harrison 16, 200m Freestyle, Moli Riley 14, 200m Breaststroke, Henry Taswell 13, 200m Individual Medley and 100m Backstroke, Simon Davis 13, 100m Breaststroke, Oliver Rodger 13, 200m Breaststroke, Joss Copeman 12, 200m Individual Medley, 100m Backstroke and 100m Butterfly, Xanthe Dyer 12, 200m and 100m Breaststroke, Briana Barrand 10, 200m and 50m Freestyle, Abi Greenslade 10, 200m Individual Medley and 50m Backstroke, Jamie Porter 10, 50m Freestyle, Grace Lambert 9, 50m Freestyle.

Bronze was won by: Iain Ross 15, 200m Individual Medley, Megan Herbert 11, 200m Individual Medley and 200m breaststroke, Xanthe Dyer 100m breaststroke, Cole Dickinson 9, 50m butterfly and 50m backstroke, Mia Huntley 9, 50m butterfly, Millie Downes 50m backstroke, and Briana Barrand 50m freestyle.

Fifth place finish at League Meeting

SWIMMERS also represented the Club in the second round of the **Western Division National Swimming League** held in Newport on 11th November.

Chard were up against some stiff opposition from seven other clubs in their Division One Gala, but managed to secure 12 top three positions in the 50 events, with four first positions, and finished fifth overall out of the seven teams.

Individual top three places went to; Open: Tessa Down 17, 2nd 100m breaststroke

15/Under: Lewis Pearson 15, 1st 100m freestyle, 2nd 100m backstroke, Iain Ross 3rd 100m butterfly

13/Under: Henry Taswell 13, 1st 100m butterfly, 2nd 100m backstroke, Leo Kindred 13, 3rd 100m breaststroke, Joss Copeman 13, 3rd 100m butterfly, Xanthe Dyer 13, 1st 100m breaststroke,

11/Under: Millie Downes 10, 1st 50m breaststroke

The relay teams also showed some determined swimming, gaining two top three positions.

These included a first place for the Boys 13/Under Medley team of Henry Taswell, Leo Kindred, Joss Copeman and Simon Davis, with the team including Sam Platten also gaining second place in their freestyle relay, and third place to the Boys 15/Under Medley team of Lewis Pearson, Ben Greenslade, Oliver Lenthall and Ian Ross. Both the Girls and Boys Open Freestyle teams secured fourth place in very closely fought final relays.

Team: Girls: Hannah Pullinger, Tessa Down, Melissa Hanson, Lauren Harrison, Susan Ross, Hope Horsfield, Flo Swan, Xanthe Dyer, Megan Herbert, Baylei Callow, Briana Barrand, Millie Downes, Abi Greenslade, Harriet Copeman, Imogen Waterhouse, Grace Lambert.

Boys: Joe Spurway, Oliver Bilbie, Jamie Pullinger, Paul Harrison, Jay Kindred, Lewis Pearson, Iain Ross, Ben Greenslade, Oliver Lenthall, Henry Taswell, Leo Kindred, Simon Davis, Sam Platten, Joss Copeman,, Oliver Bright, Louis Rood , Jimmy Brett , Jamie Porter, Will Hawkins, Louis Whittome.

■ **SWIMMERS of the Month:** Simon Davis and Briana Barrand.

◆ **Swimmers of the Month** for October for achieving the most improvement points in galas were Simon Davis 12, and Briana Barrand, 10.

If you want to find out more about Chard Swimming Club, or are interested in joining, we have sessions at pools in Chard, Axminster, Crewkerne and long course training at Millfield.

Please visit our web-site www.chardswimming.org.uk

hockey chard

Ruthless Chard hit goal trail

Sidmouth & Ottery D 0
Chard A 16

THIS ranks amongst one of the biggest and most impressive wins in the history of Chard Hockey Club.

Amazingly the margin of victory would have been substantially greater had it not been for the heroics of the home keeper Paddy Maher, a member of Great Britain's Grand Masters' squad. His athleticism in making a string of saves was all the more incredible given the fact he is 70 years old.

Chard took total control with a Dan Stone hat-trick in the first 12 minutes and, from that point on, they ruthlessly steamrollered Sidmouth & Ottery, scarcely allowing them over the halfway line for the rest of the first half.

Adam Veitch (2), James Spurdle, Harvey Dening, and captain Gareth Eggle all chipped in to give Chard an eight-goal lead by the interval but it was the sometimes brilliant approach play and passing which was so impressive, the seventh and eighth goals almost being walked into the net as the home defence was cut to ribbons.

Any hope Sidmouth may have had that Chard would ease up for the second half evaporated in the first five minutes.

Spurdle went close at the end of another flowing move and then Veitch completed his hat-trick with a superb low shot from the top of the D.

Chard, and Spurdle in particular, then hit a purple patch as he added five second half goals for a double hat-trick, including four in even less time than it had taken Stone to score his three.

Eggle scored again with another assist from Kyle Anderson and Dening added another with his trademark reverse stick sweep.

foiled by keeper

Chard had the ball in the net twice more during the avalanche of goals but these were ruled out and Maher almost singlehanded saved the home side from further embarrassment.

It was the intensity with which the whole squad played for 70 minutes which was so pleasing.

There were outstanding performances from the younger members including Danny Grabham and Harry Felgate on the right flank, Kyle Anderson on both wings and of course hat-trick scorer Veitch.

Keeper Berge Balian was almost a spectator throughout, having just one save to make in the first half and Chard's defence didn't even concede a corner such was their ability to deal with the few occasions Sidmouth launched an attack.

Squad: *Berge Balian, Danny Grabham, Dave Lury, Paul Tratt, Steve Mahoney, Kyle Anderson, James Spurdle, Gareth Eggle (Captain), Jason Goddard, Harry Felgate, Dan Stone (Vice), Adam Veitch, Trevor Goss, Harvey Dening*.

Other scores;
Chard Ladies 0 Taunton Vale 3rd 6 (Sedgemoor Division One). Chard 4 Isca D 1 (South-East Division One),

Tomorrow's fixtures;
Chard Ladies v Minehead. ECV Horneys v Chard, Chard A v Taunton Vale D, East Devon D v Chard B.

South-East 1	P	GD	Pts
Taunton Vale B	8	40	24
Yeovil & Sherb A	8	9	18
Minehead A	8	7	18
Taunton Vale C	8	9	17
CHARD	8	13	16
Isca D	8	6	15
Taunton CS	8	9	13
ECV Hornets B	8	-3	12
Yeovil & Sherb B	8	-12	3
East Devon B	8	-21	3
Torbay A	8	-29	1
Sidmth & Ott B	8	-28	-2*

South-East 2	P	GD	Pts
Bridgwater B	7	34	21
North Devon A	7	16	15
West Dorset A	7	3	15
Ashmoor A	6	8	10
CHARD A	6	25	9
Sidmth & Ott C	6	-9	9
Bridgwater C	6	4	7
Sidmth & Ott D	5	-31	4
Minehead B	6	-22	3
Taunton Vale D	6	-28	1

South-East 3	P	GD	Pts
CHARD B	6	16	18
East Devon C	6	22	15
Taunton CS A	6	23	12
Isca E	6	12	10
Bridgwater D	7	-5	8
Ashmoor C	6	-28	6
Yeovil & Sherb C	6	0	4
ECV Hornets C	6	-18	4
East Devon D	5	-22	1

(=pts deducted)*

Sedgemoor 1	P	GD	Pts
Shepton Mallet	7	53	21
Taunton Vale 3	7	29	18
Weston-SM	7	14	18
Minehead	7	3	15
CHARD LADIES	7	-17	10
Taunton Vale 4	7	-3	5
Bridgwater 2	7	-17	4
Taw Valley 2	7	-13	3
Winscombe 2	7	-26	3
White Eagles 2	7	-23	2

darts chard & district

Premier Division	P	+/-	Pts
High 4 & a Half	4	54	63
Rejects Return	4	32	54
Country Classics	4	32	53
BDBs	4	22	50
Phoenix Clubbers	4	-17	30
Hobnobs	4	-16	29
Happy Sharks	4	-19	29
Crusaders	4	-19	27
Pig Jockeys	4	-30	23
Phoenix Poppes	4	-39	18

Division One	P	+/-	Pts
Down's	4	21	51
Hopefuls	4	15	48
We Can Do This	4	1	40
PAs	4	-3	38
Pop Darts	4	-3	37
Pirates	3	4	32
Cult of Personality	3	-7	27
Stumpy's Gang	2	-9	15
Winning Team	2	-19	10

Division Two	P	+/-	Pts
HRT	4	25	51
Two Minute Crew	4	21	49
Okey Doaks	4	9	44
Madhouse Crew	3	19	38
Clownin' Around	4	-7	36
Red Devils	4	-15	32
Rare Breeds	3	6	31
Happy Days	4	-18	29
Duck Fs	3	-15	22
Bs Knees	3	-25	16

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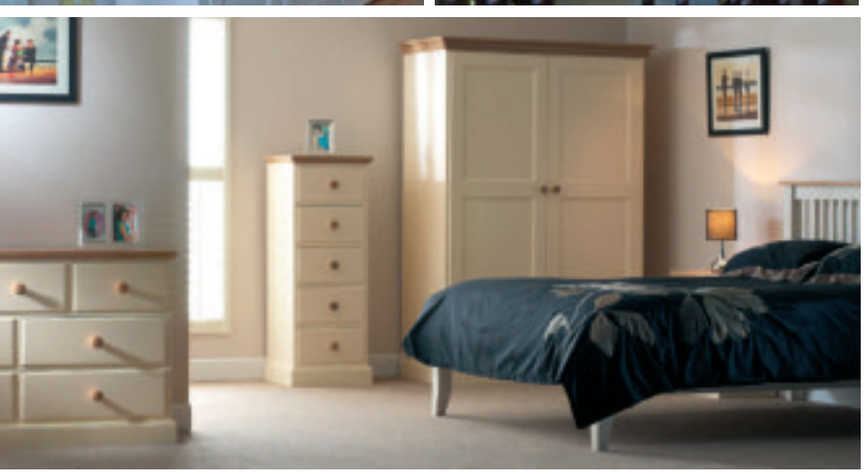

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